

Dear Staff People of the Stewardship Council,

Please incorporate my response into your scoping documents. I see no meetings scheduled (as yet?) in the heart of The Delta, Bethel Island.

There is an **unbelievably simple solution** to the water problem in California! This solution will also solve the San Joaquin Drain problem. The solution will save taxpayers millions of dollars annually and will take but a few jobs off the table which now employ virtually exclusively undocumented aliens.

Enforce the junior status to agribusinesses in the Western San Joaquin Valley and take away their subsidized water rights. They are already selling off these rights anyway. The land taken out of production was poor to begin with and demanded an unreasonable share of water resources. That land, out of production can be used to trap selenium, chemical by products, and salt from the remaining farms.

The first reasonable priority is to **serve the millions of California residents** who are taxpayers and voters with an adequate supply of clean water. Certainly, conservation and recycle measures can and should be put in place. **There is adequate water for that purpose!**

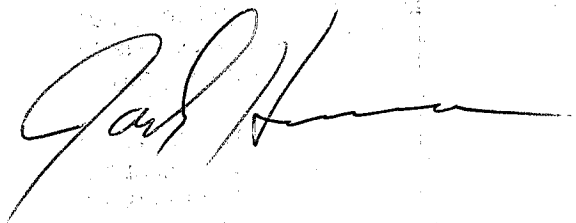
The second priority is to **reverse the decline** of the Delta and Bay estuary. **Reduction of exports and reduction of pollution are required for this.**

The third priority is to find ways to **turn this crisis into an economic improvement** for The State. **Jobs can be created** in the short term to build improved facilities for trapping and treating sewage outfall in secondary and tertiary treatment programs. Additional facilities will be built to control and treat agribusiness runoff. The longer term employment is involved in maintenance of the levy system, the ecological improvement systems, and the physical (not chemical) maintenance of invasive plant and animal species in the Delta and Bay.

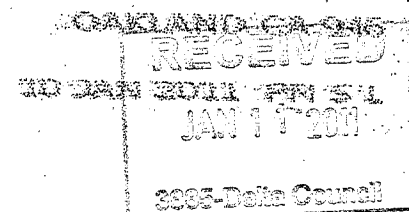
Simple and blunt! California can no longer afford to support absentee farm investors with subsidized Delta water allocations. Cut the price supports for agribusiness and supply residential users first! The poor land of the western Valley was irrigated in the last depression to give poor farmers land. The purpose is lost. Only the wealthy politically powerful businessmen remain. They consume far more water annually than the residents of the Great State of California.

It really is a simple solution for everyone, except these investors and those elected officials who accept their donations.

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